Ragging in Educational Institutions

1783. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to ban ragging in schools, college and private institutes of the country;

(b) if so, by when the same would be implemented;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the number of cases reported for students' death and/or critically injured as a result of ragging or torture in the last five years from various parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Pursuant to the directions of the Supreme Court of India in this regard, an Expert Committee was constituted in UGC to suggest measures to prevent ragging. The report of the Committee was circulated amongst Universities/College instructing them to take necessary steps to take preventive and other measures to curb the menace of ragging.

(d) No centralized data is being maintained in this regard.

Illiterates in the Country

†1784. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of illiterates in the country, State-wise;

(b) the numbe of persons made literate by National Literacy Mission so far, State-wise and

(c) the details of amount spent by Government so far, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) A Statement-I indicating number of illiterates in the country, State-wise, according to Census 2001 is enclosed (*See* below)

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.